

# BRITAIN PLANS NEW STEPS TO CURB U-BOATS

Changes in Admiralty Staff  
Due, Following Criticisms

U. S. NAVY COMMENDED

LONDON, May 2.  
The staff of the British Admiralty and its methods of dealing with the German submarine menace are both to be reorganized at once, the Daily Mail announced today. The reorganization will be made by Premier Lloyd George, Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, and the War Cabinet as a result of the growing criticism of the press and the official admission that the losses of ships are increasing.

On the eve of the Daily Mail's announcement Admiral Lord Bessborough, one of the greatest naval men in England, had declared in a public speech that "British shipping losses are appalling."

U. S. READY TO AID ALLIES.  
SAYS FRENCH ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, May 2.  
The United States navy, most powerful in the world next to that of Great Britain, will weigh heavily in the final victory of the Allies over Germany, Admiral Chocheprat, of the French mission, today told Washington newspaper correspondents.

Regarding the matter of co-operation, he said:

"You must not expect me to discuss in detail our general plans, especially as regards our campaign against enemy submarines. I need only say that that is a question claiming priority above all others."

You will understand that I have fully and frankly explained these problems to your high naval officials with whom I have been in close contact. I have every reason to hope that we shall succeed in establishing the closest possible co-operation between the American and Allied navies for the assurance of the freedom of the seas, the protection of trade and the triumph of our rights.

Foreign Powers respect the United States navy, Admiral Chocheprat said, and he paid high tribute to its fitness and excellent equipment.

"I am sure that the American navy is ready to support in the most advantageous fashion the cause of the Allies now shaping a course toward victory," the Admiral said. He also lauded President Wilson and expressed the great joy of France in finding the United States on the side of the Allies in the war against Germany.

Admiral Chocheprat, who, after commanding a squadron of battleships in the Mediterranean, was placed in charge of the French coast defense and sea-trade protection, said:

"The United States is in possession of the most powerful fleet in the world next to the British, and this is bound to weigh heavily in hastening the day when final victory will be won from the foe."

"Your navy is wonderfully equipped, and I really felt amazed when I chanced to see recently some of its units, among them the battleship Pennsylvania and those trim-looking destroyers that came out to meet us at sea."

"There is no need to praise your navy personnel. Throughout my long sea-life it has often happened that I have come across American men-of-war, and I am pleased to say that on every occasion the very high merit of the officers as well as the perfect training of their men has aroused my intense admiration. What I have seen here since my arrival serves only to emphasize my previous impressions."

EXPORT FIGURES SHOW  
GAIN, DESPITE U-BOATS

WASHINGTON, May 2.  
That the effectiveness of Germany's submarine blockade of the Entente Allies may be decreasing was indicated in export figures made public by the Department of Commerce this afternoon. The value of exports of foodstuffs and mineral oils during the month of March increased nearly \$17,000,000 over the February exports.

The German submarine blockade went into effect February 1. During the ensuing month the United States exported foodstuffs and mineral oils to the value of \$115,549,000. The total for March was \$132,124,991. March, however, had three more days than February.

Of the March total \$41,888,000 was the value of breadstuffs exported compared with \$29,781,000 for February. The value of meat and dairy product exportations for March was \$39,550,000 compared with February's total of \$27,140,000.

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RESIGNS HARVARD CHAIR

Dr. Kuno Francke, professor of the History of German Culture and curator of the Germanic Museum, has resigned those posts. He has been appointed professor emeritus and honorary curator. Doctor Francke visited Philadelphia in January, addressing the University of Pennsylvania students on "The Future of Germany." He is an admirer of the Kaiser, but realized that Germany erred in entering the war.

BILL IN SENATE INCREASES  
STATE EMPLOYEES' PAY

House Passes Bill Advancing Salaries  
of Members of Legislature From  
\$1500 to \$2500

HARRISBURG, May 2.—Senator William E. Crow today introduced in the Legislature a bill to increase the pay of the low-salaried State employees. The Crow bill would give those receiving less than \$1400 a year an additional \$200 annually, and those receiving between \$1400 and \$1500 would receive an additional \$100 yearly.

The House passed the Reichenbacher bill increasing the pay of the members of the Legislature from \$1500 to \$2500. This measure was defeated last week, but was called up for reconsideration today and passed with little opposition. It now goes to the Senate.

GOVERNOR URGES BEAN  
AND POTATO PLANTING

Suggests Saving "Eyes" With Potato  
Parings on Account of Seed  
Shortage

HARRISBURG, May 2.—Governor Brumbaugh today issued an appeal to all people, and to hotel proprietors in particular, to save the "eyes" of potatoes for planting purposes. He also requests that the planting of beans be increased.

In this way he hopes to help tide over the shortage of seed potatoes and to aid in accumulating a food supply for next winter.

German Arrested for Tearing Flag  
ERIE, Pa., May 2.—Because he tore down an American flag in front of a residence here, Joseph Wagner, a German, is being held in the county jail, having been caught in the act by the police, they allege. He has been committed without bail and the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh has been notified of his arrest. Wagner refused to give any reason for his action.

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# JEWISH BAKERIES CLOSED BY STRIKE

Forty Proprietors Suspend,  
Threatening Famine in  
Kosher Bread

MEN ASK HIGHER WAGES

Forty Jewish bakeries, with an aggregate output of 60,000 loaves of kosher bread daily, were closed today because their proprietors would not submit to the demands of 400 members of the International Bakers and Confection Workers' Union, who struck last Monday.

The majority of the Jewish residents of the city use only kosher bread, and a famine in this article is certain within twenty-four hours unless the strike is settled.

The master bakers say they are willing to grant the demand for \$2 additional per week, but they positively refuse to submit to "further injustices," which they say have been practiced against them by the bakers. One of these alleged injustices is a system by which the bakers collect fifteen cents per package for all union labels pasted on bread. The master bakers also charge that the bakers have made a practice of taking bread, cakes, pies and other foodstuffs out of the shops and selling them.

William Lion and M. J. Frederick, of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor, are trying to bring the warring factions together, but thus far have made little headway. The master bakers have made a counter-demand that an arbitration board be appointed. The strikers have refused to consider this.

The present scale of wages for Jewish bakers follows: Foremen, \$30 per week; second hands, \$25; third hands, \$22; helpers, \$20. The bakers have a nine-hour day.

R. Morgenthau, 137 South Fourth street, vice president of the Jewish Master Bakers' Association, said today:

"For months the bakers have had us by the throat and we have decided that the only thing we can do is to close down until these men come to their senses. Things have come to such a pass that we cannot hire or fire a man, nor can we have anything particular to say concerning the conduct of our business."

"The Jewish bakers are the highest paid bakers in America, and yet they are not satisfied. In addition to their high wages they take what they want out of the shops. The other day I stopped a baker going out of my shop with seventy-five cents' worth of bread under his arm. Recently I caught another baker making away with a strawberry shortcake worth seventy-five cents."

"CHICAGO, May 2.—Direct intervention by the Government in the bakers' strike is believed to be imminent. It was reported that Federal authorities were prepared to take over at once one of the largest bakeries in the city and operate it. Fears of a flour shortage increased as a result of an inspection trip that John Dill Robertson, Commissioner of Health, made to West Side groceries and hospitals.

"I found that the shortage of flour is apt to be more serious than the shortage of bread," said the commissioner. "A number of stores had bread for sale, but there is a shortage of flour, and the situation is apt to be very serious."

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., May 2.—Six hundred carpenters in Rock Island and Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Ia., forming a tricity union, struck when their demands for an advance in wages were rejected by the building contractors.

EDWARD T. FRAM DEAD

Lock Inventor and Maker One of Lancaster's Rich Men

LANCASTER, Pa., May 2.—Edward T. Fram, proprietor of the Keystone Lock Works, which he established when a young man, died today aged sixty-one years.

He invented lock improvements which made him one of Lancaster's richest men. Two sons survive, Samuel and Walter.

Last of Yarrowdale Men Sail  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—A cablegram from Barcelona to the State Department states that the remaining twenty-six members of the Yarrowdale crew, who were from Barcelona and are due in New York about May 14.

# COMMITTEE SPLIT ON WAR-TAX PLANS

Breach Among House Ad-  
visers May Force Senate  
to Draft Bill

DISPUTE ON INCOME RATE

Some Want 50 Per Cent Levied  
on All Over \$500,000  
a Year

WASHINGTON, May 2.

So wide is the breach in the House Ways and Means Committee over the revenue bill that the Senate probably will have to draft the measure. When the committee assembled today it seemed likely that the report of the subcommittee, which drafted a preliminary bill, would be rejected altogether. If feeling between the subcommittee and the full membership no longer is concealed, a mere suggestion from one element meets with the disapproval of the other.

It is the situation which confronts the committee two weeks after it set about drafting a nonpartisan bill. There is not only general dissatisfaction with the report, but it is charged that the subcommittee port the subcommittee brought in yesterday, exceeded its authority in drafting a bill at all. The full committee maintains that it delegated only authority to bring in a preliminary report in a day or two.

Instead the subcommittee went two executive sessions day after day and, refusing all counsel from the full committee, proceeded to write a bill to finance the first year's participation in the war.

ON BIG INCOMES

When the House committee met today it was virtually agreed that the maximum income tax rate should be 33 per cent on incomes exceeding \$500,000, this levy to be in excess of present income taxes. Roughly speaking, this means that all large incomes will be taxed 50 per cent of their aggregate. The highest rate suggested by the subcommittee was 30 per cent of incomes exceeding a million.

It also was fairly well understood that the tax bill must raise \$1,800,000,000, as originally planned by Secretary McAdoo. The subcommittee plan, which has been rejected, contemplated raising half a billion dollars less. This determination to make the bill yield the original amount probably will require a complete readjustment of the various schedules.

The debate in Congress on the various war measures all reflects the sentiment that the public must be prepared for heavy taxes. Representative Shirley, of Kentucky, is one of the conspicuous advocates of high war taxes. He emphasizes the fact that many of the financial evils growing out of the Civil War came about as a result of the hesitancy of Congress in the early days of the struggle to levy sufficient taxes. While a bond issue is believed to be inevitable, Mr. Shirley and a considerable group of similar minded men believe that Congress must prepare the public without delay for a high and widely distributed tax levy.

# KEPHART TAKES POST OF STATE TREASURER

Quits Senate Clerkship for Of-  
fice Vacated by Robert  
K. Young

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, May 2.  
Harrison M. Kephart was sworn in as State Treasurer at noon today in the Senate chamber of the Capitol. He succeeds Robert K. Young, who was elected as a Progressive four years ago.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods administered the oath of office before the members of the Senate and friends of Kephart, who came here from Connellsville to attend the ceremonies.

Kephart has been closely identified with Republican politics in Pennsylvania for years. He held the position of chief clerk of the Senate for several terms and resigned from that position last night. He will assume his new duties Monday.

William P. Gallagher, of Wilkes-Barre, assistant clerk of the Senate, was unanimously elected to succeed Kephart as chief clerk.

Harry A. Bartschlager, of Uniontown, secretary to State Senator William E. Crow, was named for the position vacated by the promotion of Gallagher.

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